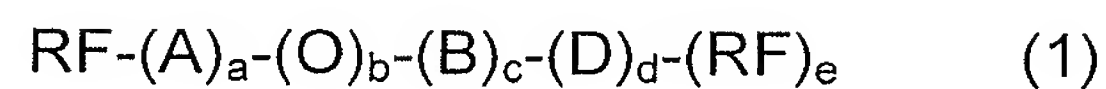


In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A lubricant comprising a partially fluorinated compound of formula 1



wherein

RF is a perfluorinated radical of formula $\text{F}(\text{CF}_2)_n-$,

n is a number from 1 to 20,

A is C_1 - C_{30} alkylene,

B is arylene having 6 to 14 carbon atoms or is a saturated or unsaturated monocyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 30 carbon atoms,

D is hydrogen,

and $a = 1$, $b = 0$, $c = 1$, $d = \underline{1}$ or 0 , and $e = 0$.

2. (cancelled)
3. (previously presented) The process of waxing a ski comprising the step of applying the lubricant according to Claim 1 to a surface of the ski .
4. (previously presented) A solid, a solution or a dispersion comprising the lubricant according to Claim 1.
5. (previously presented) The lubricant according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one second lubricant.

6. (previously presented) The process of reducing the friction of a solid surface comprising the step of coating the solid surface with the lubricant according to Claim 1.
7. (previously presented) The lubricant according to Claim 1, wherein A is a C₁ – C₁₈ alkylene.
8. (previously presented) The lubricant according to Claim 1, wherein B is a saturated or unsaturated monocyclic or polycyclic hydrocarbon having 3 to 18 carbon atoms.
9. (previously presented) The lubricant according to Claim 5, wherein the at least one second lubricant is fluorinated or nonfluorinated.
10. (previously presented) A ski wax comprising the lubricant according to Claim 1.